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In the US Patent Application of:

Bennett C. WARD et al.

Serial No.: 10/743,593

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Filing Date: December 22, 2003

Examiner: Unassigned

Title: POROUS SUBSTRATE FOR INK DELIVERY SYSTEMS

SUBMISSION OF
PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(e)

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed on April 2, 2004, attached hereto are the following documents:

- 1) A Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(e)
- 2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
- 3) Executed Assignment Document and Recordation Cover Sheet
- 4) Preliminary Amendment including Figures 1 and 2
- 5) Copy of Change of Power of Attorney, Change of Correspondence Address and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) as filed on January 28, 2004 by Express Mail
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Should any additional fees be deemed necessary or the attached check becomes detached from this submission, the Commissioner and or Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-3436 for such fees.

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(e)

Sir:

This Petition is being filed in response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application ("Notice") dated April 2, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed. It was asserted in this Notice that the above-captioned Application is incomplete because (1) the Application was filed without drawings and (2) the Application was filed without an oath or declaration.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application is entitled to the filing date upon which the Application was originally filed (i.e., December 22, 2003) because on that date, the Application included all of the elements required by 37 CFR 1.53(b).

With respect to item (1), the Applicants submit that the drawings were included in the originally filed Application through the incorporation by reference of the complete disclosure of Provisional Application No. 60/436,085 filed December 23, 2002. (See first line of Application.) In order to assure that the drawings are included in the Application file prior to examination, a Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith that amends the Application to expressly incorporate the drawings into the Application disclosure in the form in which they appeared in

the Provisional Application. The Applicants submit that the Preliminary Amendment does not bring any matter into the Application that was not already included on December 22, 2003.

The Applicants request that the Preliminary Amendment be entered in the Application as of the date of this filing regardless of the decision on the present Petition.

With respect to item (2), the Applicants submit that an oath or declaration, although required for the application to be considered complete, is not required in order to obtain a filing date. 37 CFR 1.53(b),(f). Thus, the failure to file an oath or declaration with the Application on December 22, 2003 is not relevant to the grant of that date as the filing date of the Application. Nevertheless, in order to assure that the present Application is complete and to assure that the present filing constitutes a complete response to the Notice, an executed copy of a Declaration/Power of Attorney for the Application is filed herewith.

Based on the above, the Applicants submit that the Application should be granted a filing date of December 22, 2003. The Applicants further submit that the filing herewith of an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney assures that the Application is complete and ready for examination. Should the Examiner of this Petition believe any additional information is required in support of the Petition, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned

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representative. A copy of the Change of Power of Attorney listing the undersigned as counsel for the Assignee of the Application is enclosed.

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10/743,593	12/22/2003	Bennett C. Ward	9364-6

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)). Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition. Petitions should be mailed to: Mail Stop Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the amendment to the drawings as shown on page 2.

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In the Drawings:

Please add Figures 1 and 2, copies of which are enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request that the present Application be amended to expressly include Figures 1 and 2. The Applicants note that Figures 1 and 2 were included in the Application as originally filed through the incorporation by reference of the entire disclosure of Provisional Application No. 60/436,085 filed December 23, 2002. (See first line of Application.) The present amendment merely enters Figures 1 and 2 expressly into the Application. The specification requires no amendment because brief descriptions and references to Figures 1 and 2 are already included in the specification.

The Applicants submit that no new matter is presented by these drawings as they have not been altered from the form in which they appeared in the Provisional Application.

The Applicants request that the present application be examined in its amended form, allowed and passed to issue. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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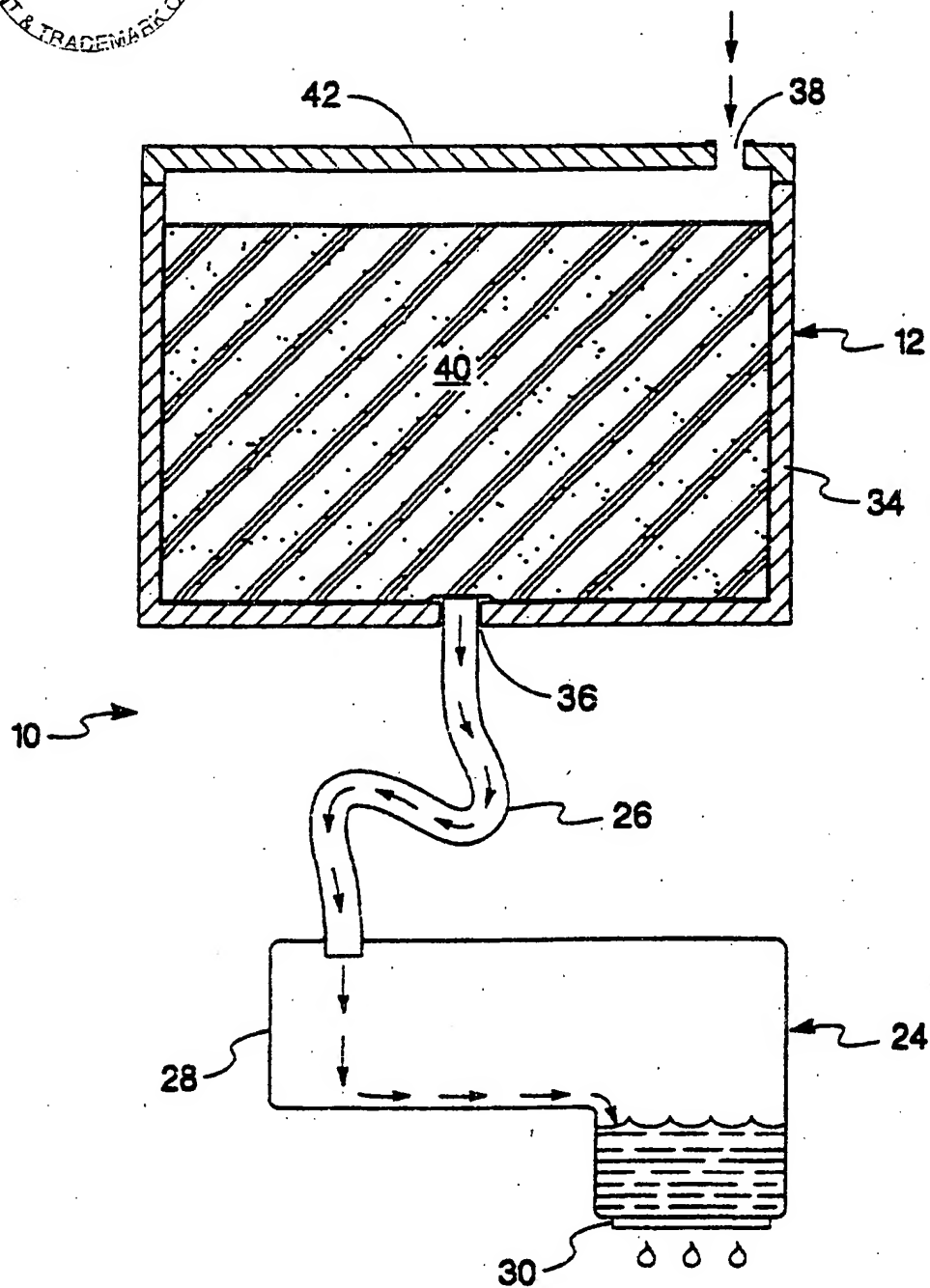


Fig. 1

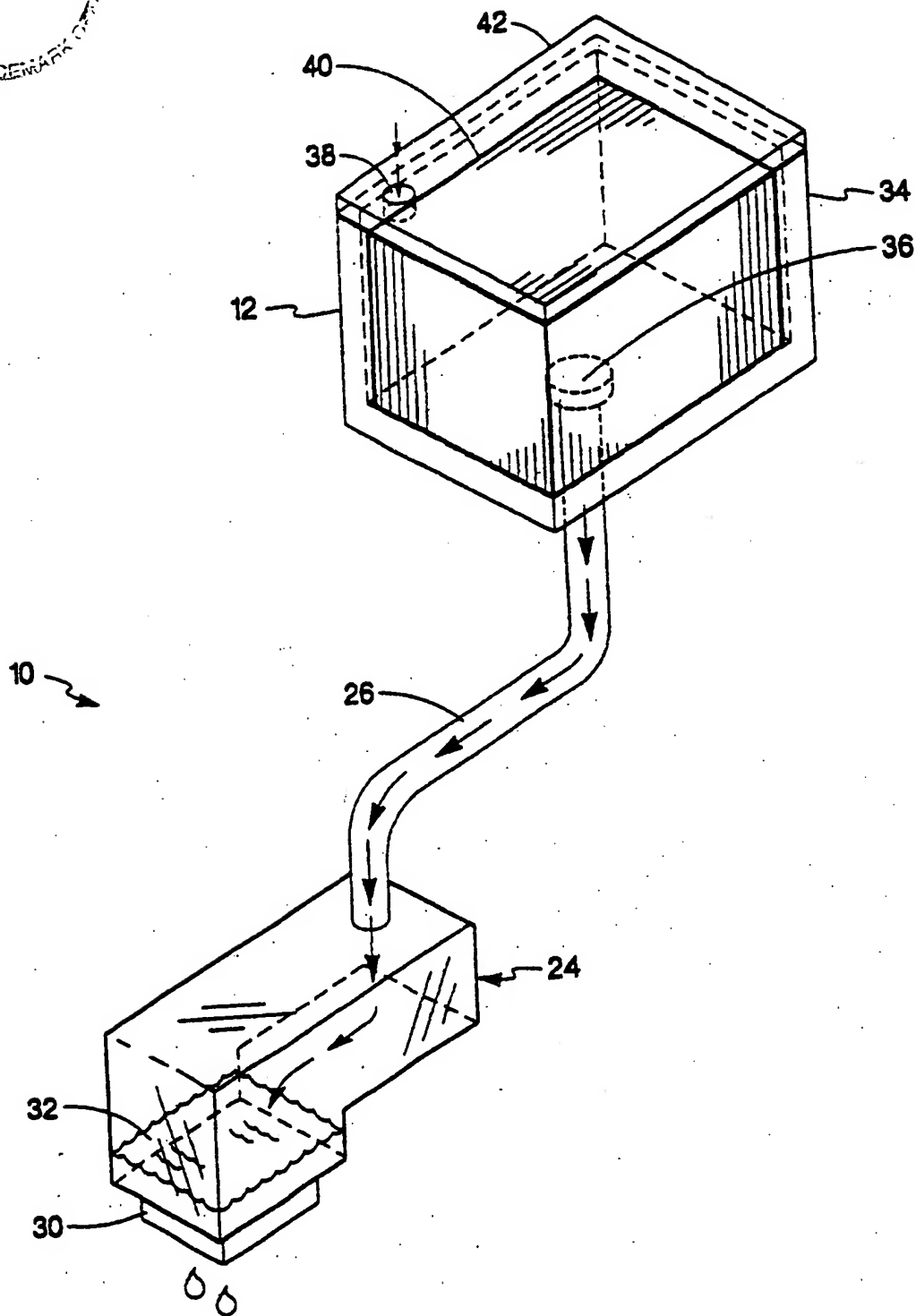


Fig. 2



ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 9364-6

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "[FILL IN TITLE]," the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on December 19, 2003 as United States Application No. _____ or PCT

International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f), or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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Number	Country	MM/DD/YYYY Filed	Priority Claimed
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Number	Country	MM/DD/YYYY Filed	Priority Claimed

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

60/436,085	12/23/2002
Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered attorney(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. I also appoint the following registered attorney(s) to represent me before all competent International Authorities in connection with any and all international applications filed by me with an appropriate receiving office claiming priority to the U.S. application. I also appoint the following registered attorney(s) to make or receive payment on my behalf in connection with the filing of such international applications.

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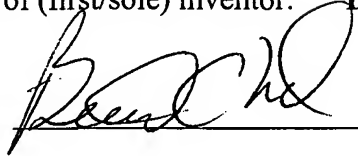
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Sir:

With regard to U.S. Patent Applications listed on Schedule A, please make the following changes:

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as our attorneys or agents to prosecute the patent application identified on attached Schedule A and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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4) Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)

Filtrona Richmond, Inc., a Corporation of the Commonwealth of Virginia states that it is the:
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee)

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☒ Assignee of record of the entire right, title and interest,

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/384,703
Entitled: "Method and Apparatus for Applying Additive to Fibrous Products
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Filed: March 11, 2003

in the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/384,703, by virtue of a chain of title from the inventor, of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/391,007

Entitled: "Method and Apparatus for Making Nibs and Ink Reservoirs for Writing and Marking Instruments and the Resultant Products"

Filed: March 19, 2003

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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/259,647

Entitled: "Medium for Isolating, Detecting, Separating, or Purifying Chemical and Biological Substances"

Filed: September 30, 2002

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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/743,593
Entitled: "Porous Substrate for Ink Delivery Systems"
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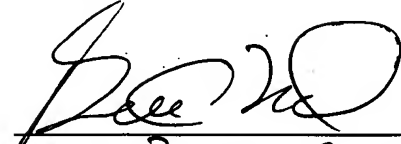
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/465,286
Entitled: "Multi-Component Flow Regulator Wicks and Method of Making Multi-Component Flow Regulator Wicks"
Filed: June 19, 2003

in the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/465,286, by virtue of a chain of title from the inventor, of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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A Patent Assignment was filed in United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 17, 2003. We are awaiting the Notice of Recordation.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

JAN 26, 2004
Date


Name: BENNETT C. WARD
Title: VICE PRESIDENT, R&D
Filtrona Richmond, Inc.

SCHEDULE A

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>PATENT APPLN NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>
U.S.	10/384,703	Method and Apparatus for Applying Additive to Fibrous Products Produced Thereby	3/11/03
U.S.	10/391,007	Method and Apparatus for Making Nibs and Ink Reservoirs for Writing and Marking Instruments and the Resultant Products	3/19/03
U.S.	10/259,647	Medium for Isolating, Detecting, Separating, or Purifying Chemical and Biological Substances	9/30/02
U.S.	10/743,593	Porous Substrate for Ink Delivery Systems	12/22/03
U.S.	10/465,286	Multi-Component Flow Regulator Wicks and Method of Making Multi-Component Flow Regulator Wicks	6/19/03

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